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Letter dated 6 February 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 10 December 2008 addressed to you, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded from 2 December 2008 to 28 January 2009, as follows:

On 2 December 2008, two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated twice the international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 3 December 2008, two C-130 and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated four times the international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 4 December 2008, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations.

On 5 December 2008, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated twice the international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 6 December 2008, two CN-235 and two PA-42 (Piper) Turkish military aircraft violated four times the international air traffic regulations and four times the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 11 December 2008, two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated twice the international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 16 December 2008, three Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated three times the international air traffic regulations and three times the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

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On 17 December 2008, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations, and one C-160 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated four times the international air traffic regulations and four times the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 18 December 2008, two F-16 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated twice the international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 19 December 2008, two F-16 aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations, and one CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated three times the international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 20 December 2008, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated twice the international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 24, 25 and 26 December 2008, one B-200 and four Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated five times the international air traffic regulations and five times the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 2 January 2009, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated twice the international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 7 January 2009, two C-130 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated three times the international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 8 January 2009, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated twice the international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 13 January 2009, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 14 January 2009, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated twice the international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 15 January 2009, one C-160 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated four times the international traffic regulations and four times the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 16 January 2009, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated twice the international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 19 January 2009, one C-650 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated three times the international air traffic regulations and three times the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 20 January 2009, one CN-235 and three Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated five times the international air traffic regulations and five times the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 21 January 2009, one CN-235 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated four times the international air traffic regulations and four times the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 22 January 2009, two C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated twice the international air traffic regulations and twice the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 27 January 2009, four Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated three times the international air traffic regulations and three times the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 28 January 2009, one B-200, one C-130 and one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated six times the international air traffic regulations and six times the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest against the aforementioned violations by Turkey and call for their immediate cessation. Turkey's policy of non-observance of rules and regulations governing international aviation continues to gravely jeopardize flight safety and perpetuate insecurity and apprehension on the island. Furthermore, Turkey's persistent provocations, aimed at consolidating the de facto division of Cyprus and further strengthening the illegal secessionist entity in the occupied areas, seriously undermine all efforts towards reunification and reconciliation.

The Government of Turkey should heed the call of the international community, abide by the Charter of the United Nations and respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, thus contributing to the creation of the required conditions for the achievement of a just and viable solution to the Cyprus problem.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21, and of the Security Council.

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